



Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Health
Board of Social Work

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WASHINGTON, DC 20002

May 23, 2016

9:00am -2:00pm

MEETING AGENDA

BOSW Mission Statement:

"To provide oversight to licensed professionals and ensure the health and safety of citizens and visitors in the District of Columbia through the provision of health care services."



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OPEN SESSION May 2016

	<u>Executive Director's Report:</u>	RJ
	<u>Chairperson's Report:</u>	CG
	<u>Board's Attorney's Report:</u>	
0523-01	<u>MINUTES</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes of April 25, 2016 meeting.	
0523-02	<u>Board Retreat to Discuss the DC SW Regulations</u>	

TO BE READ BY THE CHAIRPERSON PRIOR AT THE END OF THE PUBLIC SESSION. This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting, and pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b), and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting. The Open Session Board meeting ended at_____. The next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2016.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION April 2016

0523-03	<u>MINUTES:</u> Consideration of the Executive Session Minutes of April 25, 2016 meeting.	



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

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**NO BOARD ACTION OR DISCUSSION IS
NEEDED**



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UPDATES

0523-04	<p>Examination Application for Mr. Olufemi Odukoya-Positive CBC</p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pending acceptance of Boards final order</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Mr. Odukoya is applying for the LICSW by examination. He answered yes to being arrested for some fraudulent activity due to identity theft and submitted explanation and some court documents. Per Board attorney since this case is still pending, the Board should review matter and possible have an interview with Mr. Odukoya. The Board requested Mr. Odukoya to meet with them at the February meeting to further discuss his criminal background. Board voted for a full investigation in this case. The investigative report reveals that Mr. Odukoya had opened credit cards in the name of his friend and also stolen money from this friend this was contrary to what he had reported to the Board in February when he met with the Board. The Board voted to issue a private negotiated settlement agreement requiring Mr. Odukoya to complete the Professional Boundaries Inc. Ethics course as a requirement to maintaining his LGSW license and obtaining the LICSW only when the PBI recommendations for licensure has been received.</p>	
0523-05	<p><u>Complaint against Dr. Laura Tracy, LISW by Eric Neuman, Esq.</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pending acceptance of Boards order.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> A complaint was received against Dr. Laura Tracy, LISW from Mr. Eric Neuman, Esq. Mr. Neuman alleged that he was seeing Dr. Tracy for psychotherapy twice a week for 2 ¼ years however with only a week's notice terminated the treatment which did not give him time to find another treatment provider and caused him a lot of havoc. It is noticed however that Dr. Tracy is licensed as a LISW, not a LICSW. The Board mailed an order to answer to Dr. Tracy on 1/27/2015 and delivered on 1/30/2015. Dr. Tracy did not respond to the order to answer within the allotted time frame. Board request for an investigation on this case specifically on why Dr. Tracy was practicing beyond her scope of practice as a LISW. The investigative report states Dr. Tracy referred client to a colleague Dr. LaBier and he agreed to do so and did start therapy with him. The report also confirms Dr. Tracy practicing beyond her scope of practice however stating</p>	



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	<p>she received monthly supervision from Dr. LaBier and Dr. Martha Gross who are both psychologists and not Licensed Clinical Social workers. The Report further reports that Dr. Gross did not confirm having supervision relationships with Dr. Tracy and did not state if Dr. LaBier admitting to having supervision with Dr. Tracy. Board voted to close the case against Ms. Tracy but to also to order Ms. Tracy to cease to practice as a clinical SW immediately. The Board attorney further requested for an investigation to determine if Dr. Tracy was still practicing in the District. Her client notes details her continuance of clinical practice in the District even though she is only licensed as an LISW. The Board voted to issue a public consent order with a \$7000 fine for her unlicensed practice and misrepresentation of herself as a clinical social worker and also ordering her to cease practice as a clinical supervisor immediately unless practicing under supervision of a Board approved LICSW.</p>	
0523-06	<p><u>Request for Approval of Supervisor from Ms. Leslie Goddard</u> <u>Update:</u> Pending Submission of new supervisor.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Ms. Goddard indicated on her renewal application that she had been terminated from her previous job and submitted documentation on the termination. The Board received the investigative report. The report indicated that on June 13, 2013, Ms. Karen Johnson, LICSW, Assistant Director of Social Work, Clinical Resource Management wrote a letter to Ms. Goddard to inform her that MedStar Washington Center was terminating her employment as a clinical social work II, for gross misconduct. The Board requested a written statement from Ms. Goddard be submitted to the Board explaining her termination reported on her application. The Board reviewed Ms. Goddard's detailed explanation of her termination and requested for the Text message records from Ms. Goddard admitting to stealing the money from her company to be subpoenaed. Board voted for a NOI. NOI mailed and request for a hearing received. The Board had a hearing for Ms. Leslie Goddard at the end of the hearing the Board voted to have her license on a reprimand and be on a year probation with 4 session with a board approved supervisor for discussion on judgment and integrity with a final report from the supervisor to the Board at the end of the supervision sessions.</p>	



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	Order should be public. Ms. Goddard has submitted a letter requesting Mr. Davis Fortuna who is currently under investigation by the Board to be her supervisor for the 4 sessions on discussion on judgment and integrity as required by her final order. The Board did not approve the supervisor Ms. Goddard submitted.	
0523-07	<p><u>New Complaint against Ms. Garine Dalce, LGSW</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Investigative report Received pending Boards review <u>Background:</u> A complaint was filed by Ms. Alexis Alton, LGSW against Ms. Garin Dalce, LGSW. According to the complaint Ms. Dalce an LGSW is practicing at DYRS as a supervisor role without the required license. An order to answer was sent to Ms. Dalce. Ms. Dalce has responded denying her supervision of LICSW. She admitted that is the Deputy Director of Youth of Family Programs and provides oversight to a number of the agencies divisions including case management. The Board voted for a full investigation on this matter.</p>	
0523-08	<p><u>Board's request to meet with for Ms. Theodora Proctor, LICSW and her therapist.</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Evaluation reports from MBI and for substance abuse received pending Boards review. <u>Background:</u> Ms. Theodora Proctor's license has been suspended since November 2013. The Board's Final Order required Ms. Proctor complete a psychological evaluation performed by David J. Fischer, MD, or another District of Columbia, Maryland, or Virginia licensed psychiatrist or psychologist approved in writing by the D.C. Board of Social Work. Ms. Proctor did not follow the Board's order and went ahead to have the evaluation done without the Board's approval however the Board did approve Dr. Lomas to do her psychological evaluation. The Board requested that Dr. Lomas submit a report within 30 days. The psychological evaluation report has been received from Dr. Lomas. In the report he recommends that Ms. Proctor participate in individual therapy twice a week and complete a comprehensive substance abuse evaluation with recommendations for the clinical efficacy of random drug and alcohol testing but does defer to the findings of the substance abuse evaluation. Board agreed to Dr. Lomas recommendations and voted to maintain the suspension order for Ms. Proctor and require her to adhere to the recommendation of Dr. Lomas evaluation report of participation in individual therapy twice a week and completion of a comprehensive substance</p>	



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	<p>abuse evaluation and submit quarterly reports for at least 12 months in addition to a board approved provider for the substance abuse evaluation. Ms. Proctor again did not seek pre approval from the Board for her therapist for individual therapy and is requesting the Board's approval after 6 months of therapy. She is also requesting the Board to accept the substance abuse evaluation that was completed during her probation with the DC Courts by Court Supervision Services in 2013. The Board reviewed the therapists reports which indicated her recommendation that Ms. Proctor need therapist once a month as against the initial evaluation completed by Dr. Lomas of twice a week. The Board therefore requested to meet with Ms. Proctor and her therapist to discuss her request further. The requested Ms. Proctor's supervisor to submit the mental health evaluation completed by her company for review after which they would decide whether to approve Ms. Flemming as her supervisor. A new substance abuse evaluation was also requested from Ms. Proctor</p>	
0523-09	<p><u>Vanesta Poitier, LICSW: Probation Violation</u> <u>Update:</u> NOI sent to OAG for Drafting. <u>Background:</u> On July 29, 2013, the Board requested to subpoena the names of all the social workers that were hired at Stoddard Baptist Nursing Home from January 2012-August 2013. During the course of the investigation, Dr. Vanesta Poitier, LICSW, was identified as the supervisor of the unlicensed practitioner. The Board investigator is referring this matter to the Board for review and decision. The investigative report was enclosed. The Board reviewed the investigative report and determined that Dr. Poitier supervised a BSW employee who did not have a social work license to practice in the District. In January 2014, the Board voted to issue a Notice of Intent to Take a Disciplinary Action. The NOI has been mailed to Ms. Poitier pending her response by <u>August 4, 2014</u>. Ms. Poitier has requested for a hearing. Board voted for hearing to be held on 9/22/2011 at 11.00am. Continuance accepted until November 24, 2014 meeting. The Board after the hearing requested Ms. Poitier's License to be on a 6 months probationary status and to complete the Probe or CPEP Ethics course within 6 months with a deadline of 8/23/2015. To date Ms. Poitier has no submitted proof of completion of any of the suggested courses of the Board and has therefore violated the</p>	



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	Boards order. The Board agreed through a consent order to grant Ms. Poitier go more days to meet conditions of her final order. The order has been received by Ms. Poitier however she has not responded within the 10 day required period. The Board voted for NOI for violation the Final order.	
0523-10	<u>SW Renewal Applicant Mr David Fortuna</u> <u>Update:</u> Investigation report pending. <u>Background:</u> Mr. Fortuna answered yes to being terminated from a job on his current renewal. Documentation submitted revealed that he misused a client's funding and therefore was terminated from MedStar Washington Hospital Center. Board voted for full investigation in this matter.	
0523-11	New Complaint Against Ms. Alice Straker, LICSW <u>Update:</u> Investigative report pending. <u>Background:</u> Ms. Kelly Baker filed a complaint against Ms. Straker regarding her unethical judgment in supervision of SW Interns and other employees. Board requested for a full investigation.	
0523-12	<u>Reinstatement Application for Ms. Priscilla Jean Friesen</u> <u>Update:</u> Pending Investigation report. <u>Background:</u> Ms. Friesen submitted her Reinstatement application in July of 2015. Information submitted with application suggests that Ms. Friesen has been practicing in the District since the last renewal in 2013 even though she did not renew her license at the time. Investigation was requested.	
0523-13	<u>Complaint against Ms. Sharon Worley</u> <u>Update:</u> Pending receipt of the final report from the supervisor. <u>Background:</u> This complaint was submitted by the DOH Investigation Unit and alleged unlicensed practice. However Ms. Worley is licensed as a Licensed Social Work Associate in the District. In a past meeting the Board requested a job description and scope of practice for Ms. Worley as well as her supervisor's name and credentials and after review of the documents the Board requested an investigation. The investigation report reveals that Ms. Worley is practicing at Providence Hospital without social work supervision. Her supervisor is a nurse. Board to decide whether to charge Ms. Worley for practicing Social Work without appropriate supervision. Board ordered Ms. Worley to enter into 6 1-hours session agreement with a Board approved	



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	Clinical Supervisor to focus on ethical practice. Contact with supervisor submitted and approved by the Board.	
0523-14	<p><u>Walter Hagins</u> <u>Update:</u> Pending receipt of the Investigative report. <u>Background:</u> Mr. Hagins was listed on Ms. Brittany Williams' application as her supervisor at The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency CSOSA where she was an intern. Mt. Hagins is an expired LGSW since 2002 and not licensed as a Social Worker in any known jurisdiction and therefore cannot supervise. The Board therefore requested for an investigation on Mr. Hagins to determine if he is really supervising and if so take the necessary action against him. The investigative report is pending because CSOSA has refused to provide Ms. Hagins job description to the Board until the request is received from the Senior Deputy Director Dr. Rikin Mehta.</p>	
0523-15	<p><u>Complaint: Kenneth James vs. DYRS Employees Dexter Dunbar, Asante Laing, Garine Dalce (LGSW Applicant by Endorsement) and Charles Akinboyewa</u> <u>Update:</u> This matter is pending receipt of an Investigative Report.</p>	
0523-16	<p><u>Ms. Maria Logan:</u> <u>Update:</u> Ms. Logan is compliant with quarterly reporting.</p>	
0523-17	<p><u>New Complaint from Health Services for Children with Special Needs (HSCSN)-vs- Robyn Meredith, LICSW</u> <u>Update:</u> The Board tabled any action until the DC Board of Nursing finalizes their decision on this matter.</p>	
0523-18	<p><u>Investigation of Possible Unlicensed Practice at Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS)</u> <u>Update:</u> Executive Director is Planning a meeting with DYRS Management to clarify questions and receive updates on DYRS proposal to the SW Board.</p>	
0523-19	<p><u>Ms. Olivia Ikenberry</u> <u>Update:</u> Ms. Ikenberry is in compliance. Next Report due 06/30/2016.</p>	

The Executive Session Board meeting ended at _____. The next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2016.